

**BRAZIL
STUDY/ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
AUGUST 8 – 17, 2008**

Day 1 (August 8, 2008) Friday

DEPARTURE FROM THE US: ATLANTA-SAO PAULO - Overnight flight to Paulo

Day 2 * (August 9) Saturday

ARRIVE BRAZIL - CAMPO GRANDE-MS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A VAN /MINIBUS WILL BE WAITING AT THE AIRPORT TO TAKE THE GROUP TO THE PANTANAL/CACIMBA DE PEDRA <http://www.cacimbadepedra.com.br>

LUNCH **(not included)**

* ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL FAZENDA CACIMBA DE PEDRA FOR **A LEISURELY – 2 NIGHT STAY.**

ENJOY A RELAXING AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

DINNER **(included)**

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE DURING OUR STAY

Day 3 * (August 10) Sunday

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

MORNING ACTIVITIES <http://www.cacimbadepedra.com.br>

LUNCH AT FAZENDA CACIMBA DE PEDRA **(included)**

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

DINNER **(included)**

FREE TIME

Day 4 * (August 11) Monday

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

TRAVEL TO UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL DO MATO GROSSO DO SUL – CAMPUS AQUIDAUANA <http://www.uems.br/portal/aquidauana.php> – MEET STUDENTS AND LECTURERS OF AGRONOMY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES COURSES - VISIT THE FARM AND FACILITIES

LUNCH **(Not included)**

MIDDLE AFTERNOON A VAN /MINIBUS WILL TAKE THE GROUP TO THE JANDAIA HOTEL IN CAMPO GRANDE FOR **2 – NIGHT STAY.** <http://www.jandaia.com.br/entrada-ing.htm>

AFTER CHECKING IN AT HOTEL FREE TIME FOR PERHAPS SHOPING AND PLANNING FOR THE EVENING

DINNER **(not included)**

RETURN TO HOTEL

Day 5 * (August 12) Tuesday

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

MORNING VISIT TO THE UNIVERSIDADE PARA DESENVOLVIMENTO DO PANTANAL <http://www.uniderp.br/>. YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH STUDENTS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS, LABS AND RESEARCH FIELDS (AGRONOMY, VETERINARY MEDICINE AND ANIMAL SCIENCES)

LUNCH AT THE UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA **(not included)**

AFTERNOON A VAN /MINIBUS WILL BE WAITING TO TAKE THE GROUP TO SHOPING AND FREE TIME

DINNER (TIPICAL PASTA ONLY MADE IN CAMPO GRANDE **(not included)**) STUDENTS AND FACULTY FROM THE UNIVERSITY MAY JOIN THE GROUP (They will pay for their own)

RETURN TO HOTEL

Day 6 *(August 13) Wednesday

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

*DRIVE TO **CAMPO GRANDE-MS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** TO TAKE FLIGHT TO IGUAZU FALLS

*VISIT IGUAZU FALLS BRAZILIAN SIDE [http:// www.cataratasdoiguacu.com.br](http://www.cataratasdoiguacu.com.br)

ADMISSION TICKET APPROX. \$12.50/PERSON (NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR)

LUNCH (AT THE FALLS) **(not included)**

*CHECK IN HOTEL RAFAIN CENTRO FOR **1- NIGHT STAY** <http://www.rafaincentro.com.br/english/>

DINNER **(not included)**

FREE TIME

Day 7 *(August 14) Thursday

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

VISIT NATIONAL PARK FOR SHOPPING OR MORE ADVENTURES

LUNCH **(not included)**

*DRIVE TO IGUAZU **INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** TO TAKE FLIGHT TO RIO DE JANEIRO

*CHECK IN HOTEL AUGUSTOS COPACABANA **FOR A LEISURELY 2 - NIGHT STAY**

<http://www.augustoshotel.com.br/eng/fotos.html>

CITY TOUR?

DINNER **(not included)**

FREE TIME

Day 8 *(August 15) Friday

*BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

CITY TOUR.

VISIT TO:

Pão de Açúcar or Sugar Loaf: <http://www.bondinho.co.br/>

ADMISSION TICKET APPROX. \$15.00/PERSON (NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR)

Corcovado or Christ the Redeemer: <http://www.cristoredentor.com.br/>

ADMISSION TICKET APPROX. \$13.00/PERSON (NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR)

LUNCH AND DINNER **(not included)**

FREE TIME

Day 9 *(August 16) Saturday

*BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL **(included)**

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING

CITY TOUR

LUNCH **(not included)**

DINNER?

TRANSFER TO **RIO DE JANEIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** FOR FLIGHT BACK TO US

Day 10 *(August 17) Sunday

ARRIVAL IN ATLANTA

*** CACIMBA DE PEDRA**

This traditional pantaneira property located in The Pantanal, in the western states of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul in Brazil and eastern parts of Bolivia and Paraguay, is the world's largest wetlands and one of the world's most dynamic and rich ecosystems. It consists of an immense flood plain, larger than the state of Florida, composed of the waters of many rivers, including the Cuiabá, Paraguay and Paraná Rivers. Equaling nearly 200,000 square kilometers, the Pantanal is home to thousands of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and fish, as well as a spectacular brightly-colored plant life. There are 652 species of birds in the Pantanal making it a perfect destination for birdwatchers. In 2000, UNESCO recognized the importance of the area by naming the Pantanal a World Heritage site. CACIMBA DE PEDRA provides its visitors the chance to know and experience an atmosphere that joins ecology and science, because the farm also hosts the biggest projects of creation and sustainable exploration of the alligator - the Project Alligator of the Pantanal (*Caiman crocodilus yacare*). – This Wild Kingdom experience unique to its visitors provide intense moments as you observe the alligators, watch a typical cattle herd on horseback, ride in a canoe, go fishing, watch wild birds, enjoy a tereré (typical drink), and trail walking with identification of species of the flora and fauna. You will also have the opportunity to taste regional dishes with alligator meat, taste local and typical drinks and enjoyed many other attractions.

*** UNIVERSIDADE ESTADUAL DO MATO GROSSO DO SUL – CAMPUS AQUIDAUANA**

The Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul (UEMS) – is funded by the Mato Grosso do Sul State. It was founded in 1992 to give opportunity for young people from smaller towns in the outbacks of the State to attend college without having to migrate to the capital, Campo Grande. It has 15 campuses throughout the State with approximately 10,000 students. The Agronomy and Animal Science departments are located in the Aquidauana campus. It is located in an area formerly used by a three year agriculture junior college, which still operates adjacent to the University. There are nearly 400 students in this campus. It is a new campus therefore the facilities, experimental fields and labs are still in developmental stage. The local landscape is rather interesting, which includes a small park with many protected local species, which we could visit during the tour.

*** UNIVERSIDADE PARA O DESENVOLVIMENTO DO ESTADO E DA REGIAO DO PANTANAL**

The Universidade para o Desenvolvimento do Estado e da Regiao do Pantanal (UNIDERP) is a private university with over 15,000 students in all major fields of sciences. It has three campuses with the main one in Campo Grande. All agricultural courses are based in Campo Grande, with over 1,200 students in Agronomy, Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science. Facilities are very nice and a large part of the students are from well to do families. These families can afford to pay over US\$ 3000 per semester tuition fees in a country where average wages might be a little over US\$200 per month. Many of the students' families own cattle and farming operations in the area.

*** FOZ DO IGUAÇU**

Neither words nor photographs do them justice: they must be seen and heard, the Iguazu Falls in the National Park of Iguazu. Foz do Iguazu is a very important eco-tourism place, constituting one of the most desired destinations for people from all over the world. 275 waterfalls stretch along the border with Paraguay and Argentina. They are more than 3 kilometers wide and 80 meters high, which makes them wider than Victoria, higher than Niagara and more beautiful than either. This huge series of waterfalls plunges through a gorge on the Iguazu River. It makes a never-ending spray of water and keeps the sky decorated with rainbows.

Also located in the Parana River, Itaipu is the world's largest hydroelectric power plant in operation and it is projected for the supply of 80% of the power consumed in Paraguay and 25% for the power consumed in Brazil. The hydroelectric has an installed capacity of 12,600 thousand MW (MegaWatts), with 18 generating units capable of producing 700 MW each. The Bird Park is world class attraction situated in 5 hectares of native subtropical forest in the National Park. It offers tourists, ecologists, photographers and ornithologists an opportunity to enter the huge 8 meter high forest aviaries to study and photograph birds in their natural habitat without the restriction of netting and cages. Besides over 800 birds, both indigenous and from other continents there are exciting exhibits like caimans, snakes, humming birds and butterflies

*** RIO DE JANEIRO**

It is one of the most spectacular cities on the planet. You will love what the city has to offer. One of the best ways to appreciate the setting is by going up Sugar Loaf Mountain (Pão de Açúcar), where you'll get a fantastic 360 degree view of Rio and Guanabara Bay. Across the Bay, you will see the Rio-Niterói bridge (13,9 km long). Cariocas (Rio natives) disagree on which point gives the most wonderful view: Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf) or Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer), elected one of the "New 7 Wonders of the World". It is well worth experiencing both and deciding afterwards which view is better. Notice how the natural harbor is surrounded by lush, high mountains that meet the sea in the world-famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema.

Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain gives an even higher perspective, and is the most well known and recognized landmark of Rio. You can take a tram up to the statue—the best view is on the right-hand side. From up here you can see that Rio is divided by a mountain range into two areas: the Zona Norte (North Zone) and the Zona Sul (South Zone). The Zona Sul holds most of the city's sights, including the Sugar Loaf and the famous beaches

For any true football (soccer) fan, a visit to the Maracana Stadium is a required pilgrimage, where you can lay your feet in the imprints of those belonging to the great Pele and many other legends. With around 6 million habitants, one of Rio's most precious resources is often overlooked: its people.

Brazil is a melting pot of races, colors and creeds. No one race, color or religion dominates in Brazil. There is room for all, and that includes the many visitors who come to Brazil each year from every corner of the planet. Cariocas are particularly warm and fun loving.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The estimated costs for the trip are as follows:

\$4, 630 (Single Occupancy), 4,250 (Double Occupancy) and 4, 200 (Triple Occupancy).

Prices include Brazilian visa, airfare, Medex insurance, lodging, in country ground and air transport, guided tours, all breakfasts and some lunches and dinners. Otherwise, meals are not included. Admission tickets to National Park in Iguassu, Pão de Açucar or Sugar Loaf and Corcovado or Christ the Redeemer are not included.

If you are interested in this Study/Enrichment Program, please complete the form below and return it with a **deposit check of \$2,200** to Auburn University, College of Agriculture and mail to:

Billy Earle, Office of International Agriculture, 107 Comer Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849 before **June 8, 2008**. A minimum of 11 participants is required by June 8. Payment in full is required by **July 15, 2008**

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Yes, I/we are interested in the possibility of participating in the Study/Enrichment Program indicated below. If you need to get or renew a passport, please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_840.html. **Start early !!!!!!!**

_____ **Brazil (August 8 - 17, 2008)**

Name(s) : _____

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